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Office Action Summary

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CHEN, CHIN-JUNG

Examiner

Karen E. Toth

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wisniewski (US Patent 3459404).

Wisniewski discloses an air-pressure adjusting device that has an outlet (element 26) comprising a driving element, such as an electromagnetic coil (element 76); a shifting element coupled to and driven by the driving element and that has a cavity (column 2, lines 65-67; portion shown with skinny diagonal lines surrounding element 80 in figure 1); and a deformation element disposed at the cavity of the shifting element (element 80); where the deformation element exerts a force to cover the outlet according to a degree of the displacement of the shifting element, and the deformation element controls the amount of air released to adjust an air pressure (column 1, lines 31-33).

3. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Giorgi (US Patent 3558099).

Wisniewski discloses an air-pressure adjusting device that has an outlet (element 50) comprising a driving element, such as an electromagnetic coil (element 10); a shifting element coupled to and driven by the driving element and

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that has a cavity (element 76, where the cavity is the center portion of the spiral spring); and a deformation element disposed at the cavity of the shifting element (elements 62 and 64); where the deformation element exerts a force to cover the outlet according to a degree of the displacement of the shifting element, and the deformation element controls the amount of air released to adjust an air pressure (column 2, lines 42-50).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

6. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Negishi (US Patent 6346082) in view of Wisniewski.

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Negishi discloses a blood pressure monitoring device having a bladder (column 2, lines 63-67), where the pressure of the air in the bladder is controlled by a valve (column 2, lines 63-67). Wisniewski teaches using the valve described above with reference to claim 1 to control the pressure of air in a device. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used the valve of Wisniewski to control the air pressure of Negishi's blood pressure bladder, since it is merely substituting one component for an equivalent.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent 6007046 to Rothermel, which discloses a similar invention.

US Patent 3740019 to Kessell, which discloses a similar invention.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen E. Toth whose telephone number is 571-272-6824. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor, II can be reached on 571-272-4730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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